

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2008

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Gretchen Duffield, Vice Chair Al Jones, Russell Holden, Peter Lewis, Rachel Landry, Administrator

Absent: Treasurer Harold Klei, Secretary Tracy Tivedo

PUBLIC MEETINGS

David Genereux , Finance Director – Discussion

Request for transfer from Wetlands Filing Fees – FY 09. Request for \$10,000 to support the general fund. Ms. Landry indicated that Mr. Genereux has not concluded discussions with Town Manager Myers and as such, has requested a continuation of the matter to the Commissions next meeting (February 19, 2008).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no new or continued public hearings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Open Seat on Commission – Discussion. Ms. Landry updated the Commission – Mr. Lewcon has interviewed with the Town Manager, and letter of recommendation from the Commission was forwarded to the Town Manager.

Minutes of the January 22, 2008 meeting were approved with amendments: 4 aye, 1abstain.

Discussion regarding upcoming filings: Ms Landry distributed plan sets for Rogerson Commons/Crossing. The project was briefly discussed. Ms. Landry also indicated that a new Notice of Intent filing had been received for Ledgemere Country, Phase IVB (Hyde Park Circle). Deliberations for both projects are scheduled to begin at the Commission's next scheduled meeting (February 19th).

Ms. Duffield read an action alert dispatched by Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners. The action alert indicates that an important conservation bill - Public Lands Preservation Act (PLPA), Senate bill 2388, is before the State Legislature and needs the support of Conservation Commissioners and other conservation-minded individuals. The bill if passed, will provide stronger protections for Article 97-protected lands. Ms. Duffield urged fellow Commissioners to support the bill by contacting their Representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Landry, Conservation Administrator